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Posted: Sun May 02, 2004 1:33 pm Post subject: Vendor ID

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I am developing an input device for the USB.
 I didn't understand what I should do, once in production, about the vendor and product ID. Is it necessary to register it with USB-IF and pay the related fee? Which are the other options? Is there a default or undefined Vendor and product ID?
 What about the device serial number? Should I provide a way of making sure that I will not manufacture 2 devices with an identical serial number?

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Robert Marquardt

Posted: Sun May 02, 2004 8:55 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 03 Feb 2003
Posts: 768

Yes, you have to buy a VID from the USB IF. No way around that.

The serial number has to be unique. Windows for example does not like two devices of the same kind with the same serial number.

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Jan Axelson

Posted: Mon May 03, 2004 5:08 am Post subject: Re: Vendor ID

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Joined: 06 Feb 2003
Posts: 597

The other option is to use a chip or board with an embedded VID or PID, such as www.ftdichip.com's chips.

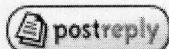
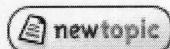
Serial numbers are optional except for mass-storage-class devices. Serial numbers are useful if applications need to remember which of multiple, otherwise identical devices is which even after rebooting.

Jan Axelson
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Posted: Wed Apr 07, 2004 11:39 pm Post subject: Need a Vindor ID without [quote](#)

Joined: 07 Apr 2004

Posts: 1

Location: Moscow, Russia

We are at the moment not ready to apply for USB-IF membership, neither do we want a non-member logo license. Is there another way to get vendor ID?

Any advice would be most appreciated.

Best regards,

Anna Khokhlova

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Posted: Thu Apr 08, 2004 2:00 am Post subject:

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Not for a device you want to sell.

Joined: 03 Feb 2003

Posts: 768

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Posted: Thu Apr 08, 2004 5:26 am Post subject:

[quote](#)**Quote:**

Not for a device you want to sell.

Joined: 06 Oct 2003
Posts: 13
Location: Germany

I don't think that this is true. Because some month ago the company I work for got a VID assigned. The cost was a onetime payment of \$1500. We also didn't want to become a USB-IF member or logo licensee.

If you need further information see

<http://www.usb.org/developers/vendor/> for details.

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Guido Koerber
Joined: 16 Feb 2003
Posts: 407
Location: Germany

Posted: Thu Apr 08, 2004 5:45 am Post subject: Re: Need a Vindor ID without USB-IF participation [quote](#)

Anna Khokhlova wrote:

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Any advice would be most appreciated.

USB IF is somewhat hinding this option, but you can get a Vendor ID for a one time payment of \$1500. Of course they rather have you license the logo for \$1500 per year...

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Ron Hemphill
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Location: Round Rock, TX

Posted: Thu Apr 08, 2004 5:57 am Post subject: [quote](#)

They're not really hiding it, although the non-logo option is not emphasized. But getting a non-logoed VID is right there underneath the two "preferred" logo options. If you're looking through usb.org, go to the "Developers" page, click on "Getting a Vendor ID", you can't miss it (link follows). Be sure to look at the bottom paragraph under option 2, but you cannot use the USB logo if you go this route.

<http://www.usb.org/developers/vendor/>

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